



WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators from 1933 to 1945, wherein six million Jews were murdered and millions of other persons were targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic or national reasons; and

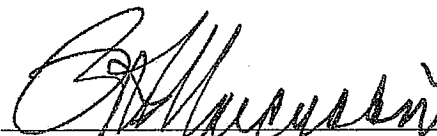
WHEREAS, we reflect on the events of 1938 and remember all those lives that were lost or forever altered by the Holocaust, giving us a deep understanding and appreciation for the theme for this year's observance ***Never Again: Heed the Warning Signs***; and

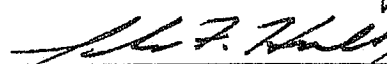
WHEREAS, we are challenged to think about what might motivate us to respond to warning signs of genocide today. History teaches us that genocide can be prevented if enough people care enough to act; and

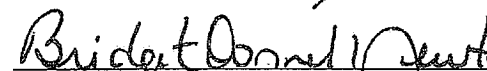
WHEREAS, the United States became the homeland to many thousands of Holocaust survivors who, having deep appreciation for the freedom and opportunities afforded by this nation, greatly contributed to the culture and strength of their adopted homeland; and


WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Rockville to remember the inhumanity of those who perpetrated the Holocaust as well as to reflect upon our own humanity and the need for respect of all peoples.

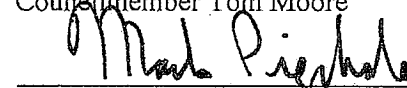
NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of Rockville, do hereby proclaim the week of April 7 – April 14, 2013, as the **DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST** in memory of the victims, survivors and their liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Rockville should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.


Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio


Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.


Councilmember Bridget Donnell Newton


Councilmember Tom Moore


Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

April 1, 2013